

GROWN UP SHOTS

Immunize for Life Adult Immunization Program

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Adult Influenza Vaccination Program Update

Vaccine Deliveries

By now, you should have all received all your flu vaccine. If you need more, you may call or e-mail The Wellness Company. Their e-mail is vaccdist@thewellcomp.com. The phone number is 490-0942. As always, please be sure to include your AV enrollment number in your correspondence.

Insurance Issues

I have had many calls from providers about denied claims from Blue Chip. I called customer service and spoke with a representative who informed me that this is a glitch in their system, and that the denied claims will be paid. You do not have to resubmit these claims. This will be done automatically.

Medicare has also sent out claim denial letters to many providers stating that flu vaccination claims will not be paid if a beneficiary received more than one flu vaccination in a 12-month period. This too is incorrect. For help with this matter, you may call Lori Langevin of Pinnacle Health Services at 822-5509.

Vaccine Inventories

The vaccine inventories and temperature logs are only due **once a month**. This season's inventory reports are different and don't include age breakdown. If you did not receive the 2008-09 inventory report form, please request it.

We give you until the 10th of the next month to submit them for the previous month. Please fax them to us at 222-3805, attn: Deb or Virginia. **Also, please don't forget to include your AV number on all reports sent to us.** Thank you.

Quality Assurance Visits

I would like to begin visiting providers enrolled in the program to perform quality assurance assessments. Would anyone like to volunteer his or her practice? If so, please call me at 222-7681.

Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System (VAERS)

The Vaccine Adverse Event Reporting System is a national program that monitors the safety of vaccines after they are licensed. If a patient suffers an "adverse event" after having received a vaccine, it should be reported to VAERS so that the FDA and CDC can conduct an investigation.

A VAERS report should be submitted any time a patient has an adverse reaction after having received a vaccination, even if you are not sure the vaccine caused said reaction. It is especially important to report any adverse events that resulted in hospitalization, disability or death. There are some adverse events that health care providers are required by law to report. To get a list of these, you may call 1-800-822-7967, or go to www.vaers.hhs.gov/reportable.htm.

There are three ways to submit a report to VAERS:

1. Internet: <https://secure.vaers.org>
2. Fax: Fax the completed form toll-free to 1-877-0366
3. Mail the completed form to
VAERS
P.O. Box 1100
Rockville, MD, 20849-1100

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A boy was assigned a paper on childbirth and asked his parents "how was I born?" "Well honey ..." said the slightly prudish parent, "the stork brought you to us." "OH," said the boy. "Well, how did you and daddy get born?" he asked. "Oh, the stork brought us too." "Well how were grandpa and grandma born?" he persisted. "Well darling, the stork brought them too!" said the parent, by now starting to squirm a little in the Lazy Boy recliner.

Several days later, the boy handed in his paper to the teacher who read with confusion the opening sentence: "This report has been very difficult to write due to the fact that there hasn't been a natural childbirth in my family for three generations."

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